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SUBJ: MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR

1. AMBASSADOR KHAIRAT TOLD ME ON MAY 3 THAT SIAD AND SADAT HAD REACHED COMPLETE AGREEMENT AT AFRO/ARAB SUMMIT MEETING ON NATURE AND DANGER SOVIET POLITICAL/MILITARY MOVES INTO ETHIOPIA. SADAT HAD LISTENED CAREFULLY TO SIAD'S ANALYSIS SOMALI REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENTATIVE MILITARY SOURCES. AMBASSADOR KHAIRAT DID NOT ANSWER MY QUESTION ON AMOUNT OR TIMING OF ANY EGYPTIAN MILITARY DELIVERIES BUT EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL HOPE THAT US WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO SOMALI OVERTURES FOR SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY HARDWARE.

2. HE TOLD ME HE WAS MEETING WITH NEW IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ALI
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MOHAMMAD AFSHAR TO EXPRESS HOPE HE COULD PERSUADE IRAN TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO SOMALIA'S FORTHCOMING REQUEST FOR IRANIAN ASSISTANCE.

3. ON SUBJECT OF SIAD'S BONA FIDES, KHAIRAT WAS SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SEEN SIAD SEVERAL TIMES IN CAIRO IN MARCH AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER SOMALIS PRESENT.

SIAD WAS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES FOR ARMS AND SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE THAT HIS BEDDING WITH RUSSIANS HAD CAUSED HIS OWN BRAND SOMALI SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM CERTAIN AMOUNT DAMAGE. ON OTHER HAND HE DETECTED INDICATIONS THAT SIAD COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT BREAK COMPLETELY WITH SOVIETS. FURTHER SIAD ADMITTED TO SERIOUS CONCERN HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AT HANDS OF KGB.

4. KHAIRAT SAID THAT FINAL DECISIONS ON AMOUNTS OF COMBINED AID EGYPT, SYRIA AND SUDAN PREPARED OFFER SOMALIA WOULD BE REACHED AT MEETING MILITARY GROUP IN DAMASCUS CVT MILLEND # MONTH.

5. ACCORDING AHMED SULEIMAN, SAUDI ARABIAN CROWN PRINCE WOULD MEET WITH SIAD PRIOR DAMASCUS MEETING.

COMMENT: KHAIRAT AND I HAVE NEVER ENGAGED IN ANY DIPLOMATIC FENCING. I AM SOMEWHAT PUZZLED ABOUT HIS ELUSIVENESS ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN IMMINENT EGYPTIAN ARMS SHIPMENT TO SAUDI UNLESS EGYPT MOVING AHEAD SAUDIS, SYRIANS AND SUDANESE. LOUGHRAN

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